



# Public Open House Draft Plan Presentation

December 6, 2022



# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Understanding the plan
3. Aspirational goals
4. Plan highlights
5. Putting the plan into action
6. Funding and implementation
7. Get involved!



# 1. Welcome!



## 2. Understanding the Plan

# What is a Transportation Master Plan?

**A Transportation Master Plan is a guide used to shape policy and investment decisions for Norwalk's transportation network over the next 10-20 years.**

# Why is the Plan Important?

- ▶ **A well-planned and coordinated transportation network** is vital to the economic health of Norwalk.
- ▶ **A well-developed and achievable transportation plan** will contribute to the City's viability and vitality for years to come.

# Building on Recent Work

The Transportation Master Plan complements recent planning work, validating and emphasizing priority elements along the way.

## Related Plans



- Wall Street Corridor Improvements Project (2022)
- Norwalk Street Tree Canopy Project (2022)
- East Norwalk Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan (2020)
- Citywide Plan of Conservation and Development (2019-2020)
- Consolidated Plan (2020-2024)
- Parking Plan (2020)
- Norwalk Community Food Report (2020)
- South Norwalk Transit-Oriented Development Plan (2019)
- Norwalk Pedestrian Plan (2019)
- Route 1 Road Safety Audit (2018)
- Calf Pasture Beach Road – Road Safety Audit (2016)
- Pedestrian and Bikeway Transportation Plan (2012)
- Norwalk Transportation Management Plan (2012)



# How this Plan is Organized

## Norwalk is a rapidly growing and evolving city

Prior city planning conducted by Transportation, Mobility and Parking; Redevelopment Agency; Health Department; and Planning Commission point to city objectives that must be addressed both now and into the future.

## Norwalk objectives with transportation linkages:

- Support future population growth and diversity
- Support commuter flows into, out of, and within Norwalk
- Attract and retain residents and businesses
- Accommodate trip growth by expanding non-auto mode share
- Enhance the quality of life for all, socially and economically
- Mitigate obesity-related illness
- Protect the environment and mitigate climate-related impacts
- Eliminate human-caused injury and death

## Transportation Master Plan Goals and Process

### Transportation Mission:

Provide safe, comfortable and efficient mobility and accessibility opportunities to residents, businesses, and visitors

### Goals:

Equity  
Resiliency  
Safety  
Choice  
Environment  
Technology

### Needs:

Community-sourced and data-informed issues that relate to one or more Goals and direct the TM&P Department to coordinate the initiation of projects

### Strategies:

Toolbox of potential solutions, both policy and physical, that can address needs and link to funding sources for future action



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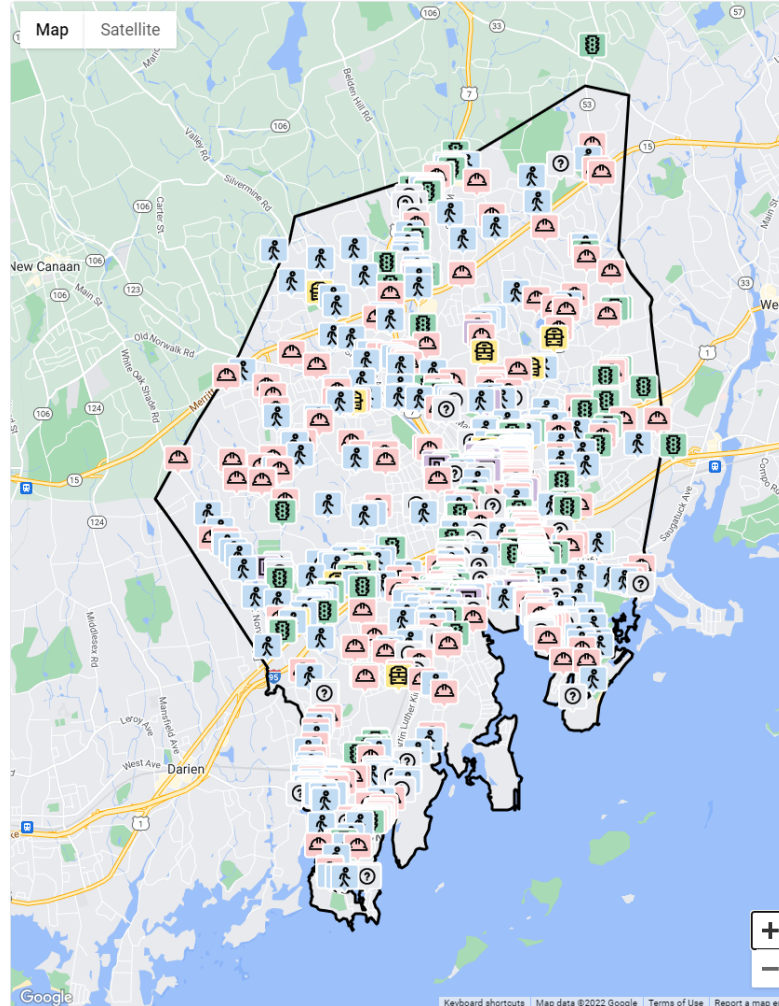
Norwalk will lead Connecticut in the development and implementation of technologies to advance the travel experience for all residents and visitors in the city

# 4. Plan Highlights

# Community-Driven

Connecticut DOT  
Western CT Council of Governments  
Norwalk Transit District  
Redevelopment Agency  
Transportation Mobility & Parking  
Community Services  
Planning and Zoning  
Police Department  
Fire Department  
Business Development & Tourism  
Greater Norwalk Chamber  
Bike/Walk Commission  
Silvermine Neighborhood  
Norwalk Green Association

**TAC/Stakeholders**



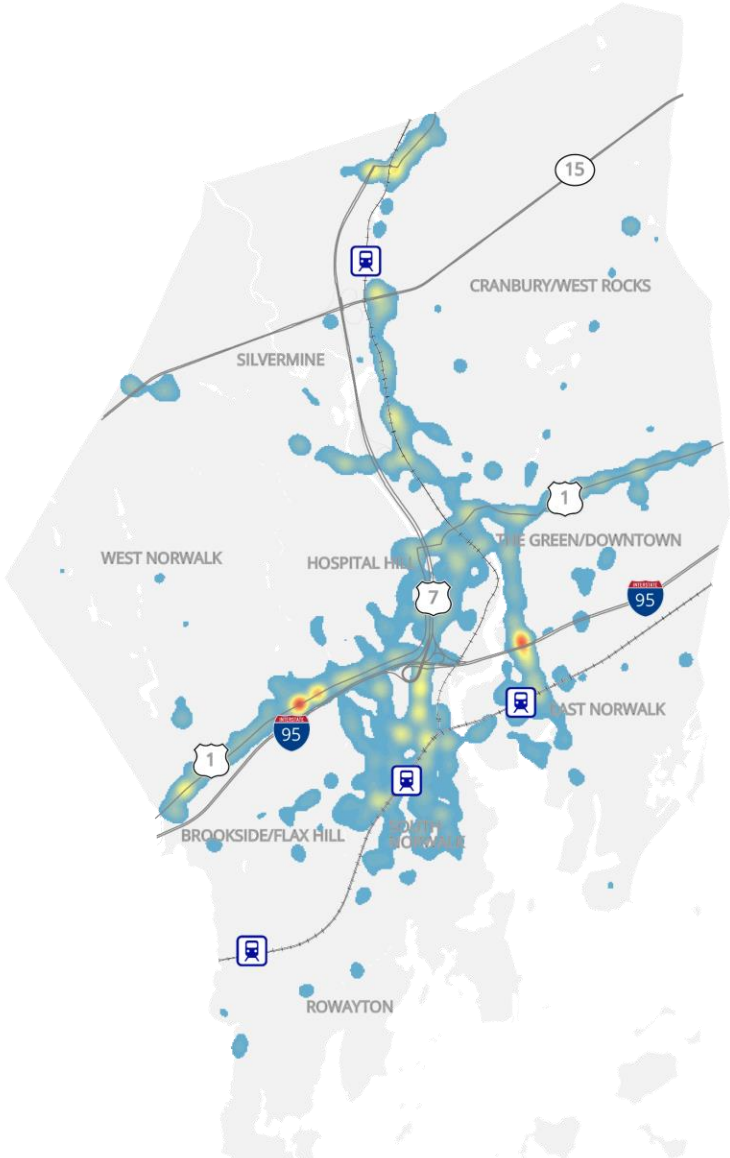
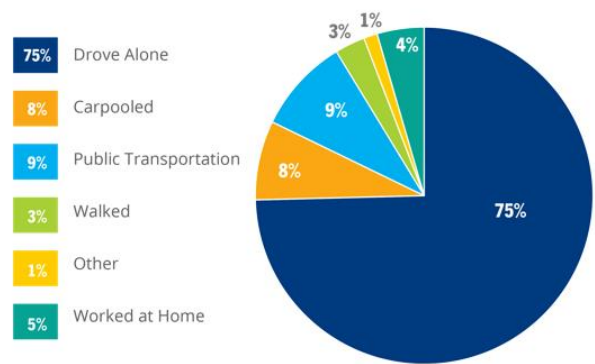
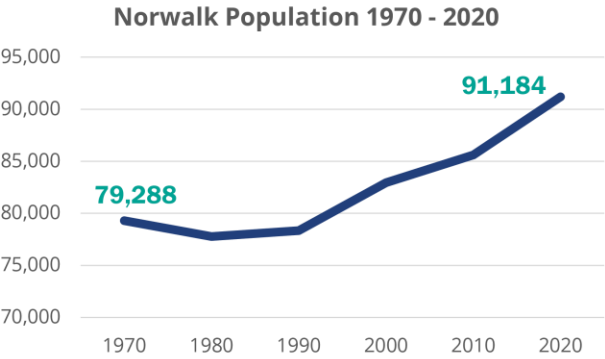
**Online Feedback**



**In-Person Feedback**



# Data-Informed



Community Characteristics

Safety

Transportation

# Identified Needs

## Key Themes

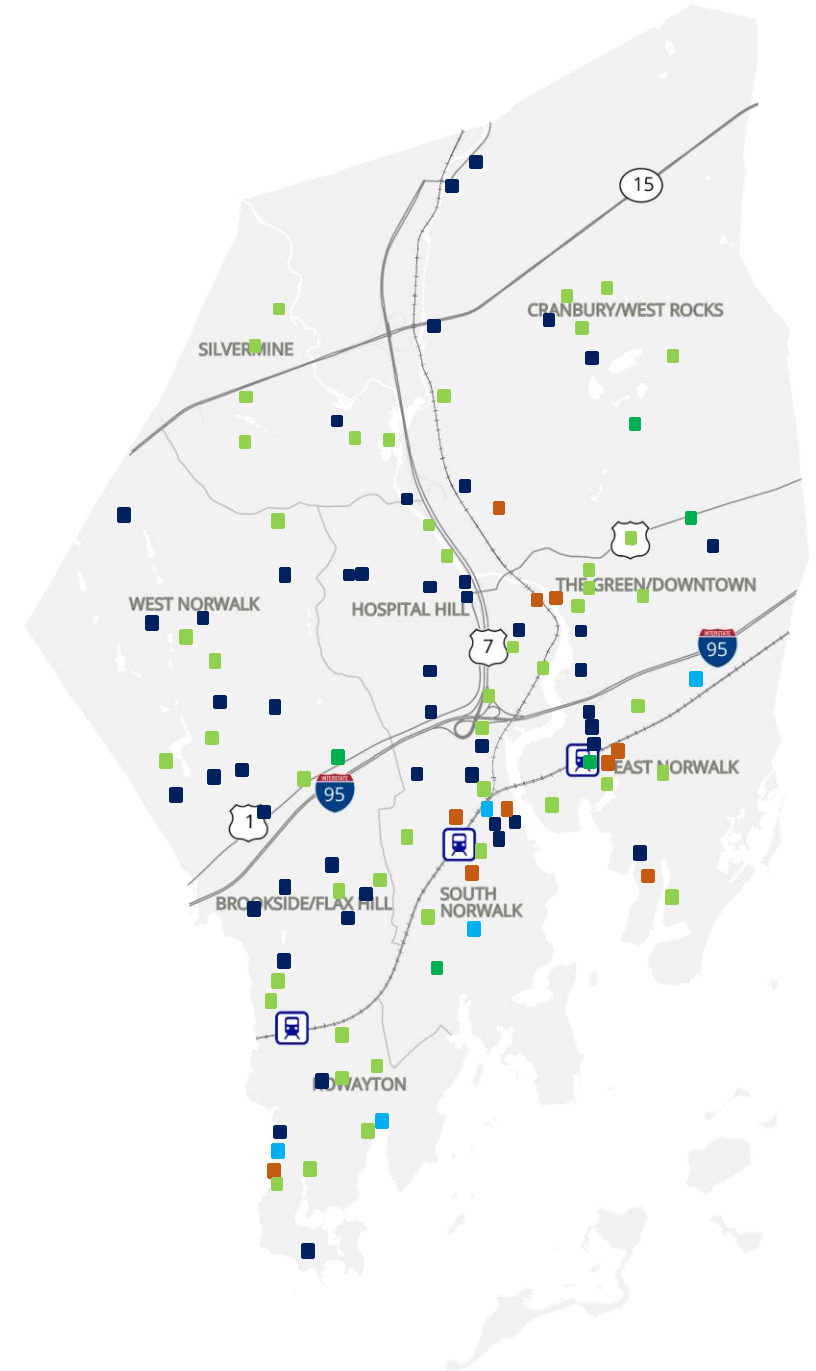
Bicycle/pedestrian access and safety

Transit access and modernization

Truck access and safety

Traffic mitigation and road safety

Village districts, parking, wayfinding and placemaking



# Identified Needs

## Walking and Bicycling

- Lack of dedicated bicycle facilities on roads
- Fear of speeding car drivers
- Difficult connections to and between commercial centers
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## Transit

- Desire for more direct bus options to activity centers
- Need for longer service hours
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- Premium transit options for downtown attractions

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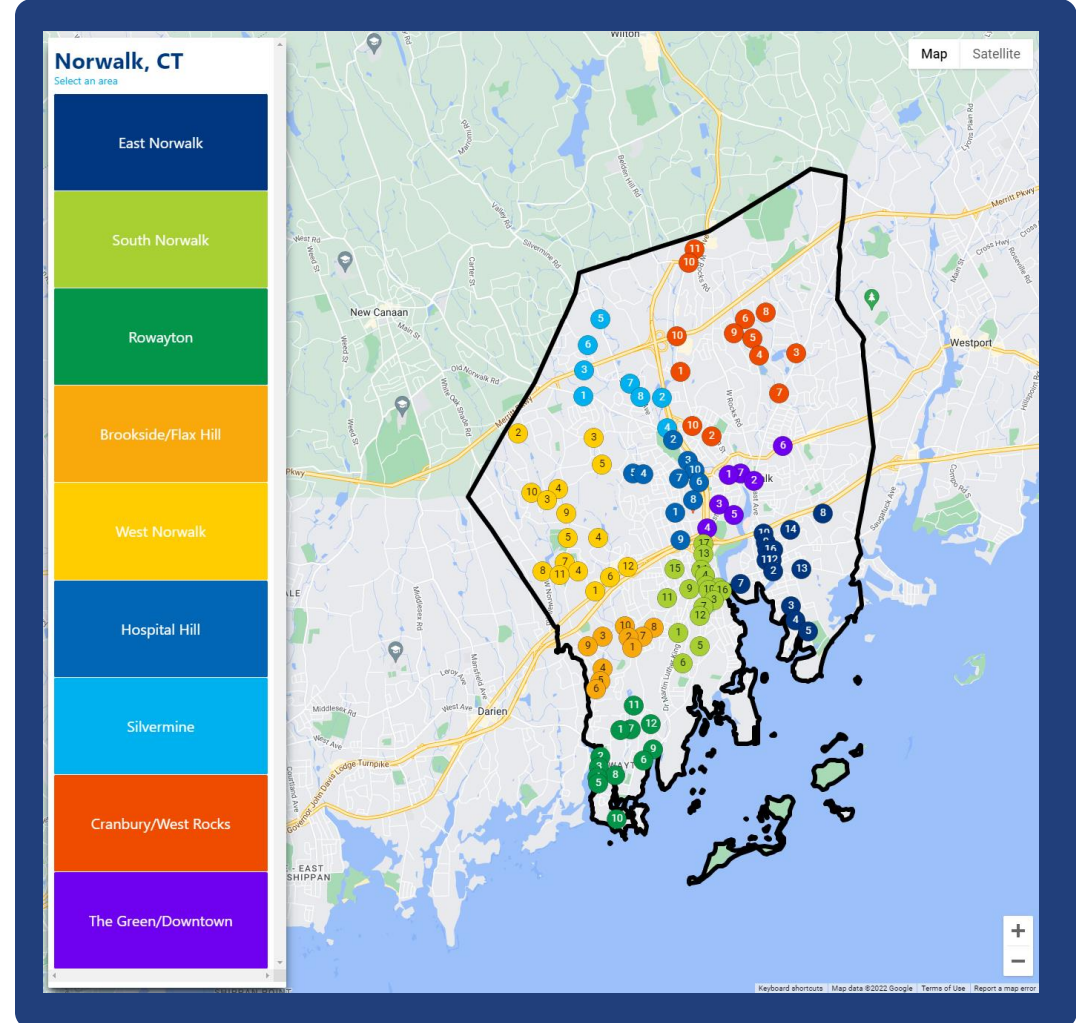
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## Parking/ Place-making

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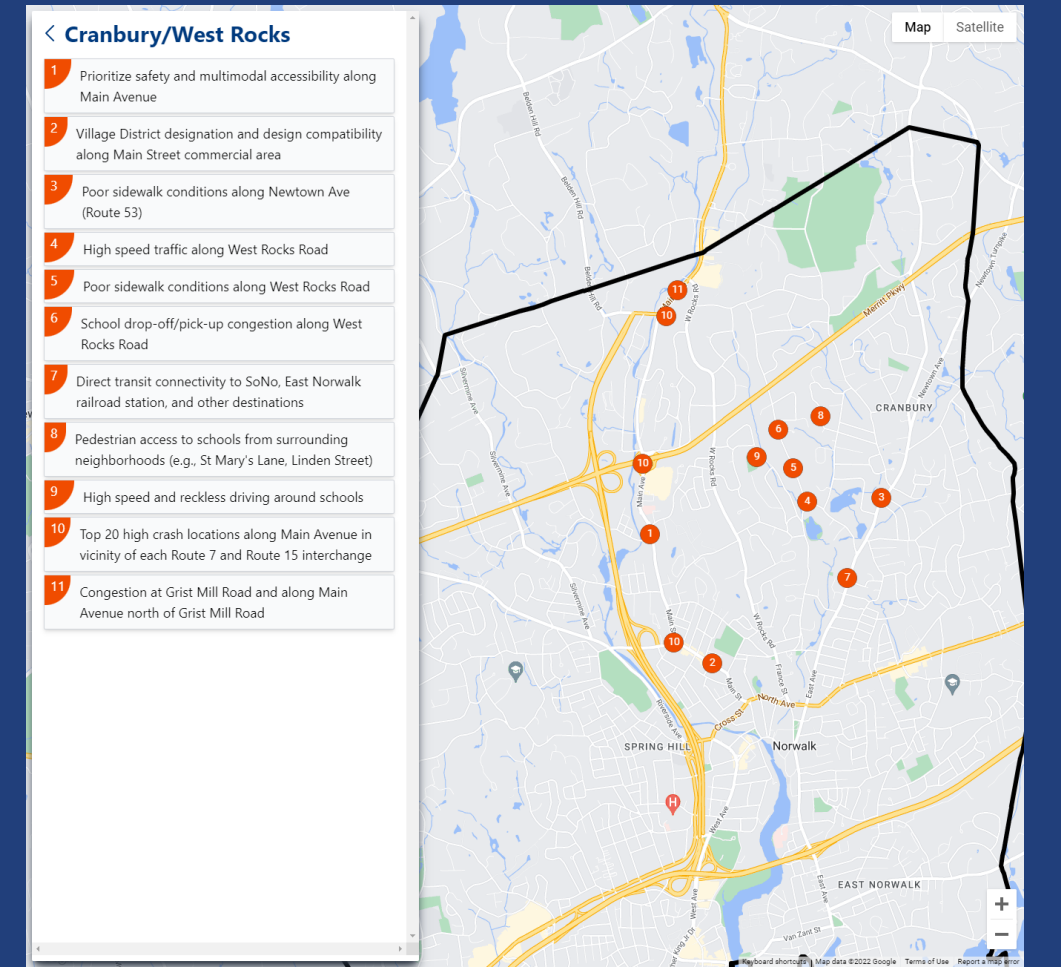
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# Toolbox Approach

## Walking and Bicycling

- New and improved sidewalks
- Improved street crossings
- Human-scale wayfinding

## Transit

- Modernize bus system (comprehensive system study)
- Coordinated fare policies
- On-demand services and activity center shuttles

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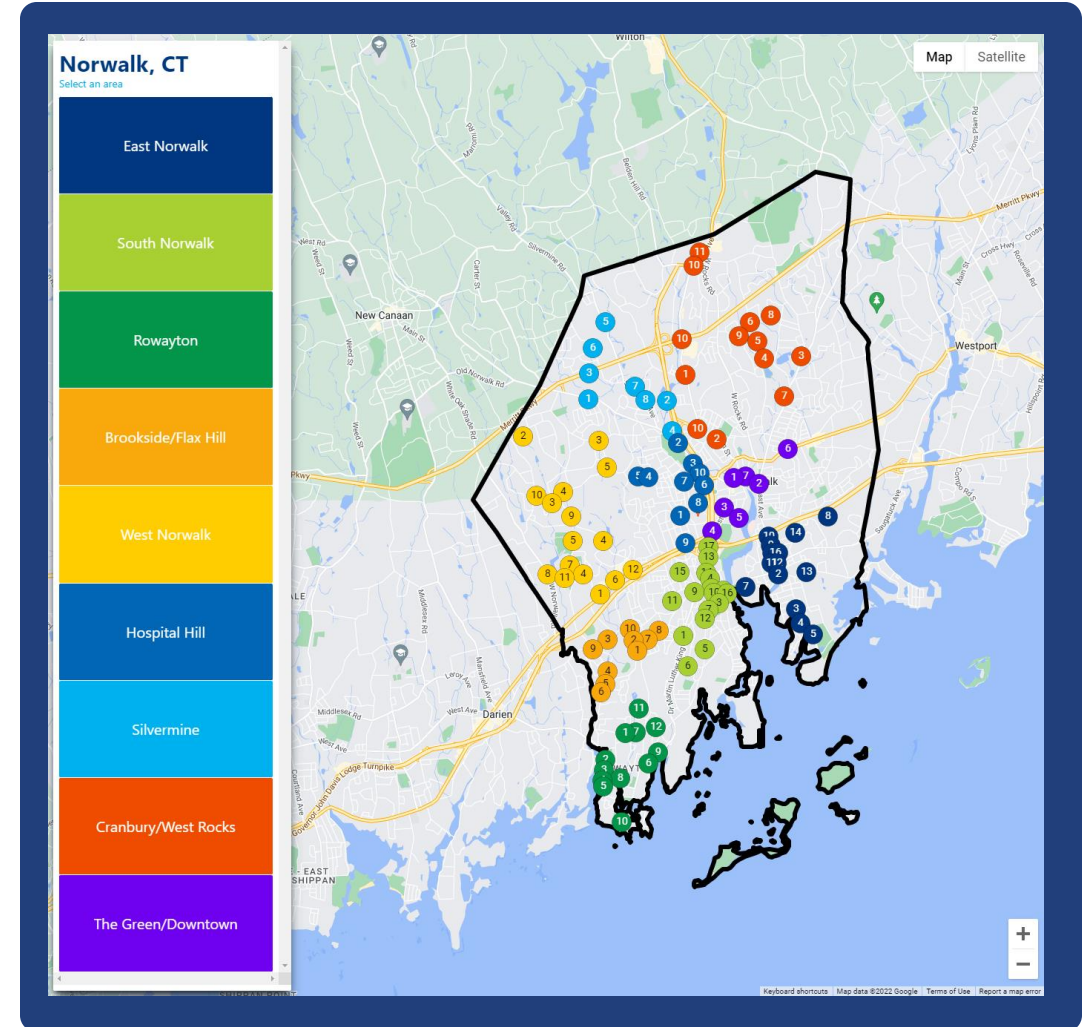
- Small-scale delivery vehicles (cargo bikes, vans, EVs)
- Designated truck routes
- Traffic calming and design to discourage trucks

## Traffic & Safety

- Adaptive traffic signals
- Incident management
- Intersection redesigns (e.g., roundabouts)

## Parking/ Place-making

- Neighborhood parking programs
- MaaS platforms and visitor information
- Improved pedestrian access to/from off-street parking



# 5. Putting the Plan into Action

# Smart Decision-Making

**The master plan is a tool to ensure transportation decision making is:**

1. Driven by needs
2. Aligned with goals
3. Coordinated across multiple departments, service providers and city partnerships
4. Positioned for, and for maximized success of, grant funding opportunities
5. Tracked for progress and ongoing development of tools, practices and procedures

**Funding Opportunity**

**Early Action**

**Long-Term/Strategic**

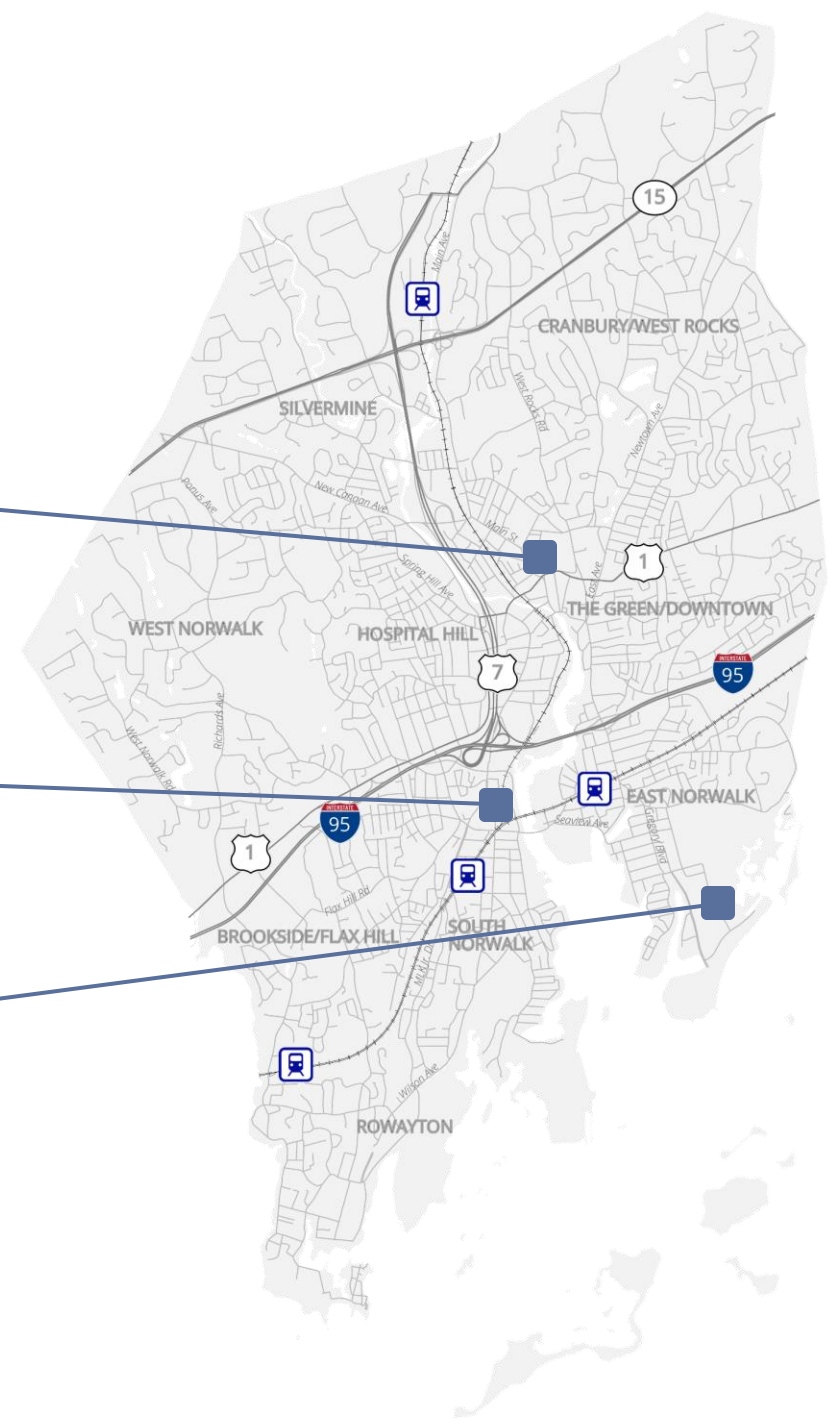
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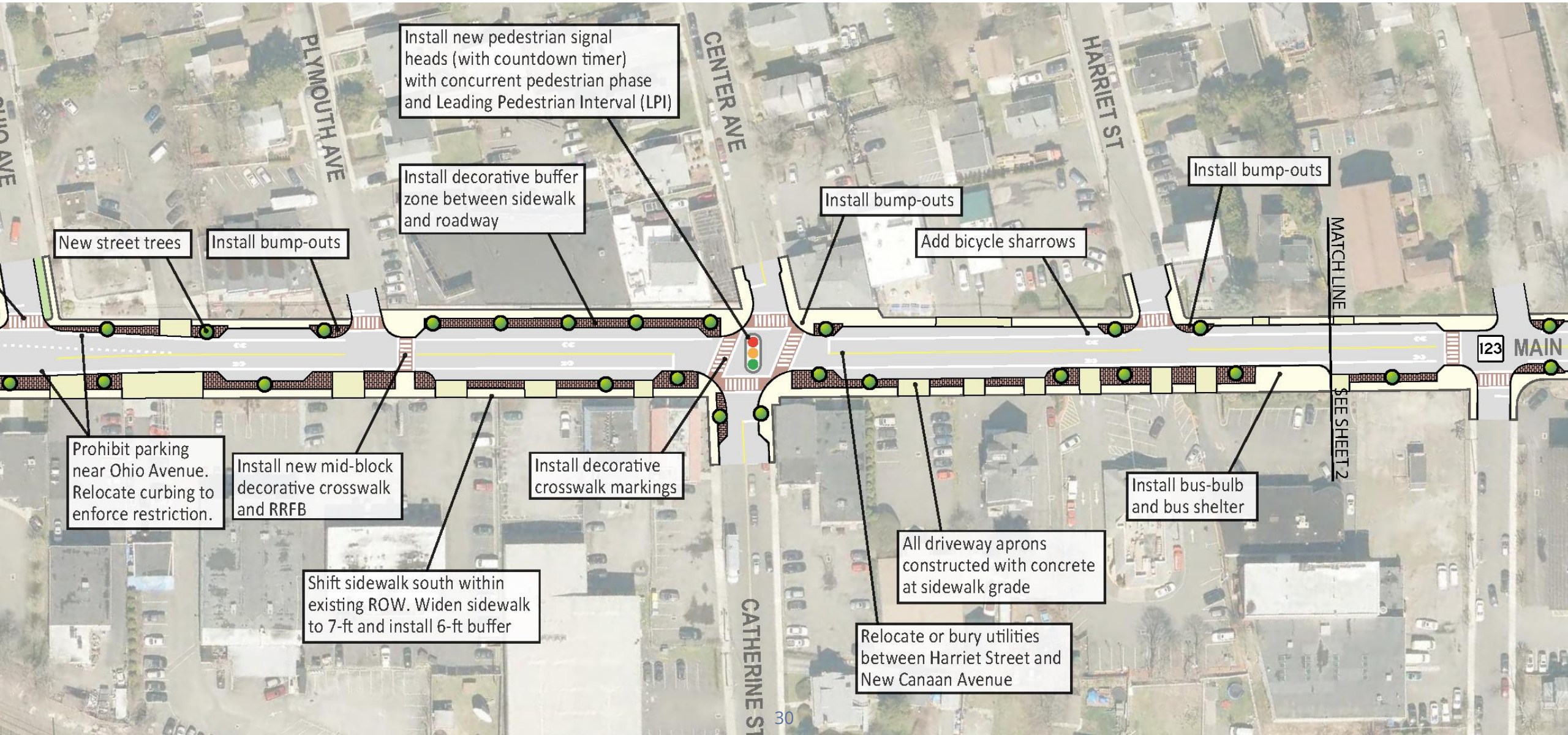
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# Concept: North Main Street / MLK Boulevard





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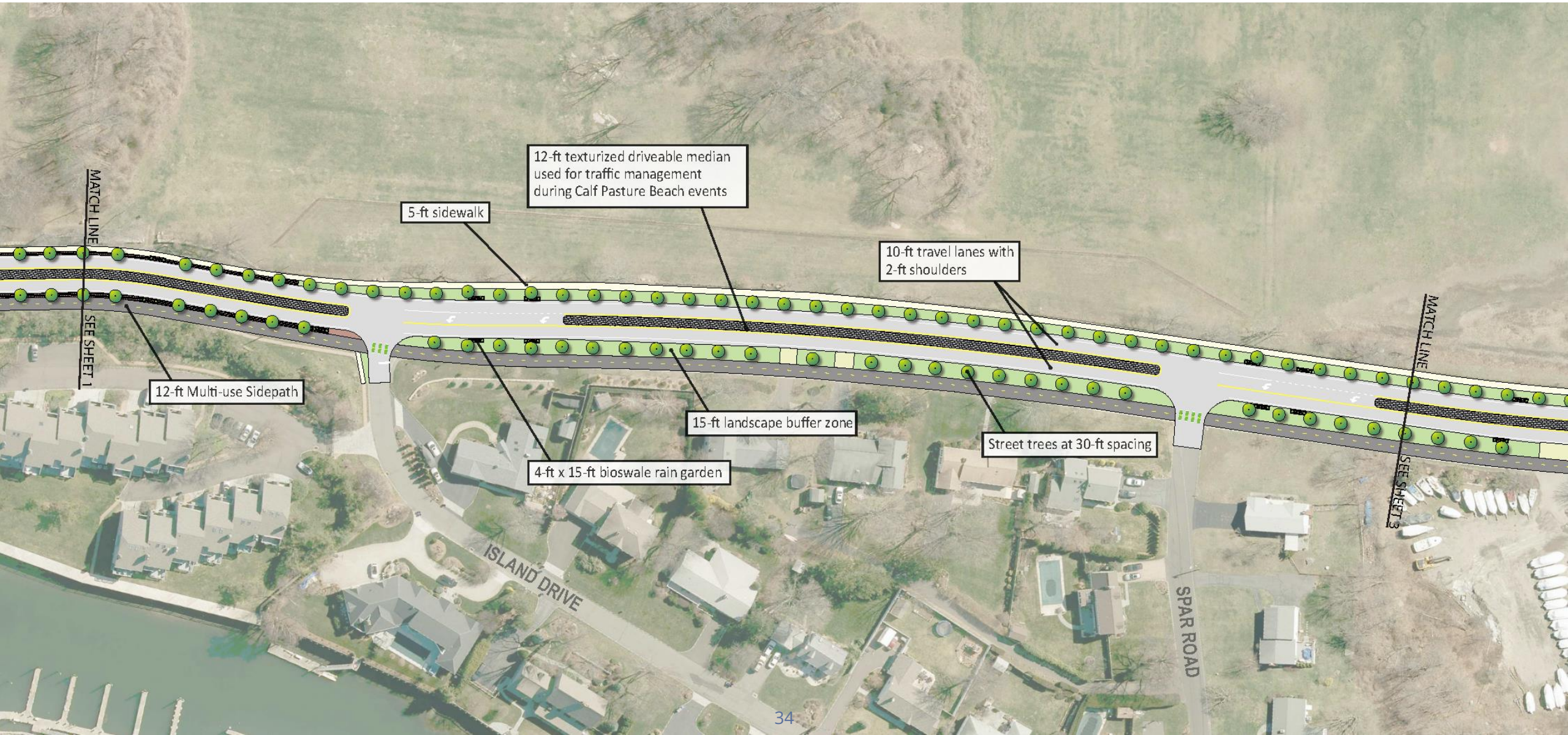
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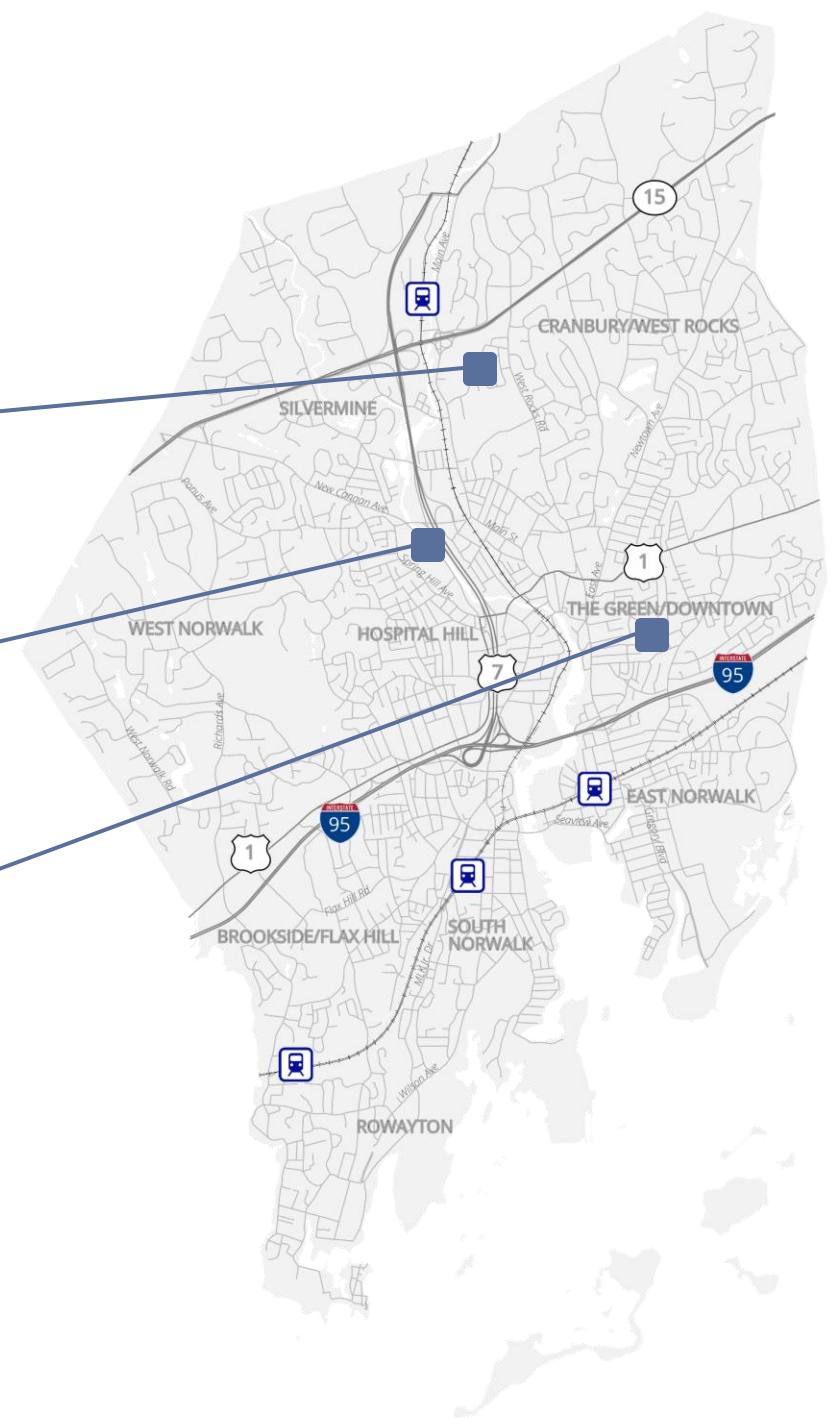
Main Avenue to West Rocks Road

### Riverside Avenue

Route 1 to New Canaan Avenue

### George Avenue

Tierney Street to Route 1



# 6. Funding and Implementation

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# Implementation

**The Transportation Master Plan provides a framework for carrying out the vision and goals of the City**



**Funding requests that flow directly from the plan are key elements of successful grants**

# 7. Get Involved!

# Your Ideas Shape the Plan

**Every voice counts!**

Share your thoughts on transportation needs and opportunities.



<https://tomorrow.norwalkct.org/plan/transportation-master-plan/>

**Thank you!**

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